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REMARKS

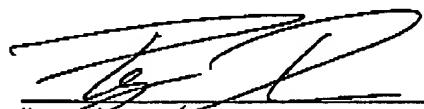
The Office Action under Ex Parte Quayle mailed June 16, 2005 has been received and carefully considered. Although the Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Examiner's characterization of the subject matter of claims 1-9, 13-17 and 21-24 as being patentably distinct from the subject matter of claims 10-12, 18-20 and 25, in an effort to advance the present application to issuance, claims 10-12, 18-20 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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